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## GOOD ROADS.

Tazewell County is a greatly favored section in many respects. It has an intelligent, industrious and generous population, anxious to promote and advance its interests. The lands, even on the mountain tops, are beautiful and fertile, while its supply of pure, running water is almost beyond estimate. Its climate during most of the year is lovely, only part of the winter being severe and disagreeable. It is such a good country, naturally, and its people are so much attached to each other that they fail to grasp, perhaps, the great drawback to the county, that is the county roads. It must be admitted that the roads do not measure up to the dignity of Tazewell county. Some of them are good, some are fairly good, some are passable while some are so bad that they are almost a disgrace to the county.

There are several reasons that should operate to awaken interest and action among our people on the important question of good roads. Pride and interest both demand that improvement should be made in their condition. The average Tazewell man wants to see his county among the very first in every respect. This cannot be without its roads are put in better shape. Interest should and does appeal to all good citizens from a financial standpoint. The loss which is suffered annually by the farmers and business men of the county by having to use rough roads would be truly startling, if accurately computed. The wear and tear on vehicles and horses is very great, to say nothing of the physical discomforts occasioned by traveling over them. Before any great improvement can be made it may become necessary to change our entire road system. If we are correctly informed there are no means that can be used for repairing the roads but the fund which is derived from the regular tax, or road levy as it is called. From information derived from the county Treasurer's office, for which we are indebted to Mr. H. P. Brittain, the entire road levy for 1896, in the county amounted to \$57,091.46, distributed among the districts as follows: Jeffersonville District, \$18,084.40; Clear Fork District \$21,944.97; Maiden Spring District \$18,262.09. Of this levy about \$5,500 will be collected, and only one half can be used on the roads; as one half of the road tax has to be passed to the sinking fund, which has been established, to pay off the bonded debt created for building roads. The three magisterial districts, combined, have from 800 to 1000 miles of road that are to be repaired and kept up by about \$2750.00. This will give about \$3.00 per mile for keeping the roads of the county in repair. Such a sum is, of course, inadequate, and the county can never have good roads until it secures, in some way, more money for working the roads. What scheme would be best we will not undertake to say. It is time, however, for the county people to be taking some thought and action on the subject.

On last Saturday 104 bills were passed in 95 minutes by the United States Senate. Pretty fast work.

The Roanoke World is advocating a constitutional convention, and admits that it is likely a new constitution would provide for a property and educational qualification for voting.

It is now positively stated that Governor Bradley, of Kentucky, will call an extra session of the legislature of that State about the first of February to elect a successor to Senator Blackburn in the United States Senate.

It now seems pretty certain that Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, will appoint Mr. Hanna to the United States Senate, to succeed Senator Sherman when that gentleman goes into the McKinley cabinet.

If Judge Goff becomes a member of McKinley's cabinet, the friends of Judge L. L. Lewis, late President of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, will urge his appointment to the place made vacant by the retirement of Judge Goff.

It is thought that Mr. Cleveland wants to turn the Cuban question over to Mr. McKinley for settlement. There is a strong sympathy existing in the Republican ranks for the Cuban insurgents who are struggling for freedom, and we have no doubt the new administration will deal promptly with the question when placed in a position to do so.

The newly elected Senator from Louisiana, Senator McHenry, has declared for Protection. He says he will do nothing to obstruct the passage of a new tariff law at the next session of Congress. This is a wise and patriotic course for the Senator to pursue. He knows and admits that the most important industries of his own State need protection, and does not wish to ask the application of a principle to his own section that he is not willing to see applied to all sections of the country.

It is rumored that President-elect McKinley will tender to ex-President Harrison the appointment of Ambassador to England to succeed the Hon. Thomas F. Bayard. Mr. Harrison will fill the position with dignity and great ability.

W. A. HARRIS, who has been elected by the Populists of Kansas to the United States Senate, as the successor of Senator Peffer, is a Virginian by birth. He is an ex-Confederate soldier and is the first ex-Southern soldier that has been elected to the Senate from a Union State.

GEN. FRIZ LEE ridicules the idea of a duel between Senator Money and himself on account of a statement by the latter of conversations he had with Gen. Lee while in Havana. The General says he and Money both had enough fighting during the civil war. Duels in this county have about played out.

The contested election case of Yost vs. Tucker, from the Tenth Virginia Congressional District, which has been pending for some time, was finally acted upon on the 21st inst., and Tucker retained his seat by a vote of 127 to 119. A very close vote considering that the majority report of the election committee was favorable to Tucker.

The Cubans are certainly getting bolder in their warfare against the Spaniards. They are now attacking the Spaniards on water as well as on land. During the past two weeks the Cubans have destroyed two Spanish gunboats, one with torpedoes and the other by attacking it while at anchor near shore. The Cubans boarded the vessel in the night time, killing the Captain and half the crew, upon which the survivors surrendered, and the boat was burned. Plucky Cubans! They ought to be free.

We publish in another column an article clipped from the editorial columns of the Roanoke Times, which is a forcible argument against the proposed constitutional convention. The Times shows very conclusively that the convention is not only unnecessary but will be a foolish, extravagant to the State. The Times might have added that the chief motive of the advocates of a convention is to perpetrate a great outrage upon the suffrage rights of the citizens of the Commonwealth, by making a property and educational qualification for voting.

The Petersburg Index-Appeal says: "There are a great many sins committed against democracy in the name of Mr. Jefferson, and this tariff sin, which assails protection, and justifies internal revenue taxation, is not the least of them."

The Index-Appeal might have added that one of the leading principles of Populism is the entire destruction of the tariff system, and the substitution thereof of a system of internal or direct tax for the purpose of securing revenue to run the government. Still the Populists claim that they are Jeffersonian Democrats, and the National Democracy seems disposed to adopt the Populist's views.

They have the gold fever down in Georgia now about as badly as they had the silver craze last fall. Rich veins of gold ore have been discovered near Dahlonega, in that State. These veins which are mere ribbons on the surface run together at varying depths, and widen out to 10, 50 and 100 feet, with increasing richness as they go down. Large plants with stamp mills are getting ready to work the ore. Old prospectors from Cripple Creek and South Africa are pouring in, and the latter say that the Georgia belt is full of mines richer than the famous Robinson mine. We hope enough gold will be found in good old Georgia to furnish the whole country with a circulating medium.

**A CONVENTION NOT NEEDED.**  
Wonder if some of the boys who talk so glibly about a constitutional convention understand that such a convention will cost the State something like \$200,000, and that the State treasury is now practically empty? If the convention is held the taxpayers will be called to foot the enormous expense, whether the proposed new constitution be accepted or rejected by the voters. It is easily possible to form a better constitution than we now have, but it is more than probable that a constitution hatched by politicians and partisans—and it is difficult to keep such in the background—would leave the taxpayers deeper in the mire than they are in the ditch.

These great expansive United States, extending from ocean to ocean, have been doing business for one hundred and twenty years under a little constitution, that, in print, would about fill a column in the average newspaper. There are people in Virginia, wise in their own conceit, largely notoriety and place-hunters, who would delight in the congenial task of making new constitutions to run for periods of say five years each. A few simple ten-line amendments to the constitution of the United States embrace all the changes that four generations of statesmen have deemed it wise to make.

There is danger in tearing down the fundamental laws of a State. There is still greater danger in rebuilding the edifice, especially when there are political warlords bidding on the job.

It is within the power of the legislature to so amend the laws as to largely curtail expenses without injustice to anyone or any cause, and to largely increase the revenue of the State without harshly dealing with any interest.

In indulging in a constitutional convention, we are certain of but one thing—an enormous expense account for the taxpayers to settle.—Roanoke Times.

The great Dutch heira, which is to be celebrated in Holland next August, will also be celebrated in Michigan by representatives from the Holland settlements in Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and other States.

## DEATH OF JUDGE GEO. W. WARD.

George W. Ward, Jr., judge of the County Court of Washington county, died at Abingdon, on the 21st inst., after being sick a few days, with pneumonia. He was at one time conspicuous as a newspaper man in this section and throughout Virginia. He was editor of the Abingdon Virginian when readjustment was the leading political issue in the State, and enjoyed the reputation of being one of the boldest and ablest writers in behalf of that principle. He returned to the Democratic party when the "Big Four" movement was made by Mr. Massey and other prominent Readjusters. Judge Ward was a lawyer of some force and had three times been elected judge of his county. His wife was a daughter of the late Hon. Walter Preston. He has been very potential in the politics of Washington county for more than twenty years and will be missed in that field. At the time of his death Judge Ward was nearly fifty years old.

## EVENTS OF INTEREST.

Capitalists of Great Bend, Kas., are pushing a scheme to turn a hunting ground of some 80,000 acres into an inland lake.

The Mount Vernon (Ky.) "Signal" says: "There is a candidate for President in 1900 living in Wilkie. He split 102 rails in two hours and thirty minutes."

A vast tract of land in Oregon, comprising thousands of acres of the best improved farm lands, has been bonded by dealers in the vicinity of the town of McCoy, and a large colony of immigrants from Illinois is expected in about six weeks.

Probably the only woman horse-dealer in the country is now living in Idaho. She recently sold a number of carloads of horses in Georgia and Louisiana at very high prices. She has found the South a good market owing to the demand for horses caused by the war in Cuba.

The annual report of the Indiana State Natural Gas Inspector shows that after a development of ten years the aggregate daily production from 2000 wells is 4,000,000,000 feet. The longevity of the valued product has disproved the prediction of those who expected an early collapse of the field.

The Indiana State Board of Charities has authorized the establishment of a home for orphans in each county. Commissioners are to purchase suitable grounds and buildings, the sum to be expended to be limited to \$5000 where the population does not exceed 20,000 and \$1000 for each additional 5000 population.

Penhurst Place, the ancient seat of the Sidneys, and one of the most wonderful old houses in Southern England, is now for sale. The literary associations of Penhurst do not end with the soldier-poet, Sir Philip Sidney, who was born there, and who died at Zutphen, for under the trees of the park Edmund Waller paid his addresses to the haughty Lady Dorothea, whom he has immortalized as Saccharissa.

The Industrial Aid Society of Boston found work during the year just passed for nearly 3700 people.

There were over ten tons of rabbits killed at a charity hunt in Colorado recently. The exact number was 4397.

The first of the States to hold an election, except for local officers, in 1897, will be Rhode Island, which votes on April 7th for a Governor and other State officers.

Various express and railway companies operating out of Chicago, have offered rewards to their employees for the wounding or killing of train robbers who attack them.

Statistics just made public show that in Massachusetts, in spite of the advent of the trolley car and the popularity of the bicycle, the number of horses is greater by 385 than in the preceding year.

A convict who had been imprisoned for having obtained money under false pretenses was recently pardoned by the Governor of Kansas. Among the reasons given for the exercise of executive clemency was the service rendered by the criminal in having written the annual report of the penitentiary in which he was confined.

## INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

It is said by an historical authority that the average life of an iron rail is sixteen years; that of a steel one forty years.

The Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., has secured the contract for the building of the two iron bridges across the Aconomoxee River at Aconomoxee, Wis.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has let a contract to the Youngstown Bridge Company, of Youngstown, O., for the building of a bridge in Pittsburgh, Pa. In North Carolina the long pine needles of certain species of pine are treated with a solution of soda to secure the fiber, which is woven into coarse blankets, cloths and mats. This product is also made in Germany and Sweden.

A double-deck tunnel is the project of the Metropolitan District Railway, of London, for facilitating traffic on its underground line in that city. The present underground line has a double track, and it is proposed to build two single track tunnels at some distance below this line, to be used for express trains, there being only one station between the terminus and the point where the low-level line will rise to the grade of the existing line.

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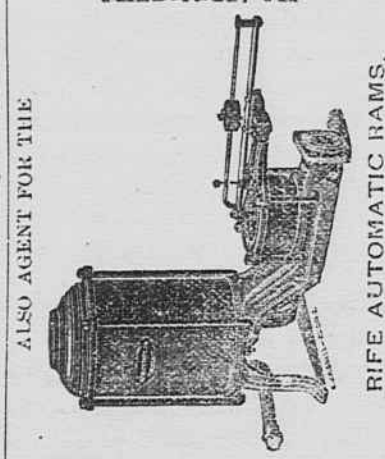
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